

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/080,685

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

2154

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 4/19/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-14 and 16-29, now renumbered as 1-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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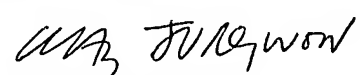
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gang Luo, Reg. No. 50,559 on July 5, 2007.

2. The following title is suggested: --- Communication apparatus for allowing data reception in specific master or slave unit depending on request forwarded to remote center ---.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus that communicates with a remote center to receive data from the remote center, the communication apparatus comprising:

a master unit that receives the data from the remote center;

a plurality of slave units that receive the data from the remote center, via the master unit; and

a control circuit that controls the master unit and the plurality of slave units,

wherein when one of the plurality of slave units makes a request to the remote center for transmitting the data, only the one of the plurality of slave units of the communication apparatus that makes the request is allowed to receive and store therein the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center, while the control circuit prohibits the master unit from storing the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center and further prohibits other ones of the plurality of slave units from receiving and storing therein the data transmitted from the remote center,

wherein the master unit includes a facsimile machine, and one of the plurality of slave units includes a handset.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus that communicates with a remote center to receive data from the remote center, the communication apparatus comprising:

a master unit that receives the data from the remote center;

a plurality of slave units that receive the data from the remote center, via the master unit; and

a control circuit that controls the master unit and the plurality of slave units, wherein when one of the plurality of slave units makes ~~the~~ a request to the remote center for transmitting the data, the control circuit prohibits the master unit from storing the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center and further prohibits other ones of the plurality of slave units from receiving and storing therein the data transmitted from the remote center,

wherein the master unit includes a facsimile machine, and one of the plurality of slave units includes a handset.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus that communicates with a remote center to receive data from the remote center and transfers the data to a plurality of slave units, the communication apparatus comprising:

a control circuit that controls the communication apparatus and the plurality of slave units, wherein when one of the plurality of slave units makes a request to the remote center for transmitting the data, only the one of the plurality of slave units of the communication apparatus that makes the request is allowed to receive and store therein the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center, while the control circuit prohibits the communication apparatus from storing the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center and further prohibits other ones of the plurality of slave units from receiving and storing therein the data transmitted from the remote center, wherein the communication apparatus includes a facsimile machine, and one of the plurality of slave units includes a handset.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus that associates with a master unit that communicates with a remote center to receive data from the remote center, and the communication apparatus that receives the data from the master unit, the communication apparatus comprising:

a control circuit that controls the communication apparatus and the master unit,

wherein when the communication apparatus makes a request to the remote center for transmitting the data, only the communication apparatus is allowed to receive and store therein the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center, while the control circuit prohibits the master unit from storing the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center, wherein the master unit includes a facsimile machine, and the communication apparatus includes a handset.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest individually or in combination the limitation of "a control circuit that controls the master unit and the plurality of slave units, wherein when one of the plurality of slave units makes the request to the remote center for transmitting the data, the control circuit prohibits the master unit from storing the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center and further prohibits other ones of the plurality of slave units from receiving and storing therein the data transmitted from the remote center, or a control circuit that controls the communication apparatus and the plurality of slave units, wherein when the communication apparatus makes a request to the remote center for transmitting the data, only the communication apparatus is allowed to receive and store therein the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center, while the control circuit prohibits the master unit from storing the entire contents of the data transmitted from the remote center, wherein the master unit or communication apparatus includes a facsimile machine, and one of the plurality of slave units includes a handset".

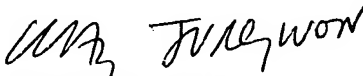
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jungwon Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-3960. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-7:00 (Monday-Friday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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